

PTO/SB/21 (02-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. MB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/856,415	
	Filing Date	July 2, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	TALTON	
	Art Unit	1815	
	Examiner Name	Sheikh, Humera	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	48	Attorney Docket Number	5853-186US

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 28 2004

OFFICIAL

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	U.S. Patent No. 5,437,889
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	Article from Int'l Journal of Pharmacotics
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or individual name	Neil R. Jetter
Signature	
Date	May 28, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.	
Typed or printed name	Neil R. Jetter
Signature	
Date	May 28, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

PATENT

In re: Application of TALTON, et al.

Application No.: 09/856,415

Examiner: SHEIKH, HUMERA.

Date Filed: July 2, 2001

Group: 1615

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 28 2004

For: METHODS FOR PREPARING COATED DRUG PARTICLES
AND PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS THEREOF

OFFICIAL

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted
to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231,
via facsimile to 703-872-9306.

Neil R. Jetter Reg. No. 46,803

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004, please amend the above
application as follows and consider the following accompanying Remarks:

Claim amendments appear on pages 2-9.

Remarks appear on pages 10-25.